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ABSTRACT

This report describes race and Hispanic origin in the United States and discusses their distributions at the national level. It is based on the Census 2000 Redistricting Summary File. Census 1990 questions on race and Hispanic origin were changed for Census 2000, because the federal government considers race and Hispanic origin to be two separate, distinct concepts. Census 2000 used established federal guidelines to collect and present data on race and Hispanic origin. In 2000, 281.4 million people resided in the United States, and 35.3 million were Latino. The race data collected by Census 2000 includes seven categories: White, African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, some other race alone, and more than one race. The overwhelming majority of the U.S. population reported only one race. Only 2.4 percent reported two or more races. The Office of Management and Budget identified four combinations of two races for civil rights monitoring and enforcement. This report discusses Census 2000 results for the seven population categories. Overall, 9 out of 10 Hispanics reported White alone or some other race alone. (SM)

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Every census must adapt to the decade in which it is administered. New technologies emerge and change the way the U.S. Census Bureau collects and processes data. More importantly, changing lifestyles and emerging sensitivities among the people of the United States necessitate modifications to the questions that are asked. One of the most important changes for Census 2000 was the revision of the questions on race and Hispanic origin to better reflect the country's growing diversity.

This report, part of a series that analyzes population and housing data collected from Census 2000, provides a portrait of race and Hispanic origin in the United States and discusses their distributions at the national level. It is based on the Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, which is among the first Census 2000 data products to be released and is used by each state to draw boundaries for legislative districts.[1]

Figure 1.
Reproduction of Questions on Race and Hispanic Origin From Census 2000

→ **NOTE: Please answer BOTH Questions 5 and 6.**

5. **Is this person Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?** *Mark* ☒ *the* ***"No"*** *box if* ***not*** *Spanish/Hispanic/Latino.*

☐ **No,** not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino
☐ Yes, Puerto Rican
☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano
☐ Yes, Cuban
☐ Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino — *Print group.*

6. **What is this person's race?** ***Mark*** ☒ ***one or more races*** *to indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be.*

☐ White
☐ Black, African Am., or Negro
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native — *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.*

☐ Asian Indian
☐ Japanese
☐ Native Hawaiian
☐ Chinese
☐ Korean
☐ Guamanian or Chamorro
☐ Filipino
☐ Vietnamese
☐ Samoan
☐ Other Asian — *Print race.*
☐ Other Pacific Islander — *Print race.*

☐ Some other race — *Print race.*

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 questionnaire.

UNDERSTANDING RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN DATA FROM CENSUS 2000

The 1990 census questions on race and Hispanic origin were changed for Census 2000.

The federal government considers race and Hispanic origin to be two separate and distinct concepts. For Census 2000, the questions on race and Hispanic origin were asked of every individual living in the United States. The question on Hispanic origin asked respondents if they were

[1] This report includes data for 50 states and the District of Columbia, but not Puerto Rico. The Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File will be released on a state-by-state basis in March 2001. It does not contain data for specific Hispanic origin groups (for example, Mexican or Puerto Rican) or specific race groups or tribes (for example, Chinese, Samoan, or Cherokee), and therefore these specific groups are not discussed in this report.

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Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino.[2] The question on race asked respondents to report the race or races they considered themselves to be. Both questions are based on self-identification.

The question on Hispanic origin for Census 2000 was similar to the 1990 census question, except for its placement on the questionnaire. For Census 2000, the question on Hispanic origin was asked directly before the question on race. For the 1990 census, the order was reversed — the question on race preceded questions on age and marital status, which were followed by the question on Hispanic origin.

The question on race for Census 2000 was different from the one for the 1990 census in several ways. Most significantly, respondents were given the option of selecting one or more race categories to indicate their racial identities.[3]

Because of these changes, the Census 2000 data on race are not directly comparable with data from the 1990 census or earlier censuses. Caution must be used when interpreting changes in the racial composition of the U.S. population over time.

[2] Hispanics may be of any race. The terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" are used interchangeably in this report.

[3] Other changes included terminology and formatting changes, such as spelling out "American" instead of "Amer." for the American Indian and Alaska Native category and adding "Native" to the Hawaiian response category. In the layout of the Census 2000 questionnaire, the Asian response categories were alphabetized and grouped together, as were the Pacific Islander categories after the Native Hawaiian category. The three separate American Indian and Alaska Native identifiers in the 1990 census (i.e., Indian (Amer.), Eskimo, and Aleut) were combined into a single identifier in Census 2000. Also, American Indians and Alaska Natives could report more than one tribe.

Census 2000 used established federal guidelines to collect and present data on race and Hispanic origin.

Census 2000 adheres to the federal standards for collecting and presenting data on race and Hispanic origin as established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in October 1997.

The OMB defines Hispanic or Latino as "a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race." In data collection and presentation, federal agencies are required to use a minimum of two ethnicities: "Hispanic or Latino" and "Not Hispanic or Latino."

Starting with Census 2000, the OMB requires federal agencies to use a minimum of five race categories:

How are the race categories used in Census 2000 defined?

"White" refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa. It includes people who indicated their race or races as "White" or wrote in entries such as Irish, German, Italian, Lebanese, Near Easterner, Arab, or Polish.

"Black or African American" refers to people having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. It includes people who indicated their race or races as "Black, African Am., or Negro," or wrote in entries such as African American, Afro American, Nigerian, or Haitian.

"American Indian and Alaska Native" refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment. It includes people who indicated their race or races by marking this category or writing in their principal or enrolled tribe, such as Rosebud Sioux, Chippewa, or Navajo.

"Asian" refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent. It includes people who indicated their race or races as "Asian Indian," "Chinese," "Filipino," "Korean," "Japanese," "Vietnamese," or "Other Asian," or wrote in entries such as Burmese, Hmong, Pakistani, or Thai.

"Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander" refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. It includes people who indicated their race or races as "Native Hawaiian," "Guamanian or Chamorro," "Samoan," or "Other Pacific Islander," or wrote in entries such as Tahitian, Mariana Islander, or Chuukese.

"Some other race" was included in Census 2000 for respondents who were unable to identify with the five Office of Management and Budget race categories. Respondents who provided write-in entries such as Moroccan, South African, Belizean, or a Hispanic origin (for example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, or Cuban) are included in the Some other race category.

Table 1.
Population by Race and Hispanic Origin for the United States: 2000

Race and Hispanic or Latino	Number	Percent of total population
RACE		
Total population	**281,421,906**	**100.0**
One race	274,595,678	97.6
White	211,460,626	75.1
Black or African American	34,658,190	12.3
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,475,956	0.9
Asian	10,242,998	3.6
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	398,835	0.1
Some other race	15,359,073	5.5
Two or more races	6,826,228	2.4
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Total population	**281,421,906**	**100.0**
Hispanic or Latino	35,305,818	12.5
Not Hispanic or Latino	246,116,088	87.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Tables PL1 and PL2.

- White;
- Black or African American;
- American Indian or Alaska Native;
- Asian; and
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.

For respondents unable to identify with any of these five race categories, the OMB approved including a sixth category — "Some other race" — on the Census 2000 questionnaire. The category Some other race is used in Census 2000 and a few other federal data collection activities. As discussed later, most respondents who reported Some other race are Hispanic. For definitions of the race categories used in Census 2000, see the box on page 2.

The Census 2000 question on race included 15 separate response categories and three areas where respondents could write in a more specific race group (see Figure 1). The response categories and write-in answers can be combined to create the five minimum OMB race categories plus Some other race. In addition to White, Black or African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, and Some other race, seven of the 15 response categories are Asian and four are Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.

HISPANIC ORIGIN IN CENSUS 2000

According to Census 2000, 281.4 million people resided in the United States, and 35.3 million, or about 13 percent, were Latino (see Table 1). The remaining 246.1 million people, or 87 percent, were not Hispanic.

RACE IN CENSUS 2000

The race data collected by Census 2000 can be collapsed into seven categories.

People who responded to the question on race by indicating only one race are referred to as the race *alone* population, or the group that reported[4] *only one* race category. Six categories make up this population:

- White *alone;*
- Black or African American *alone;*
- American Indian and Alaska Native *alone;*
- Asian *alone;*
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander *alone;* and
- Some other race *alone.*

Individuals who chose more than one of the six race categories are referred to as the *Two or more races* population, or as the group that reported *more than one* race. All respondents who indicated more than one race can be collapsed into the *Two or more races* category, which combined with the six *alone* categories, yields seven mutually exclusive and exhaustive categories. Thus, the six race *alone* categories and the *Two or more races* category sum to the total population.

The overwhelming majority of the U.S. population reported only one race.

In Census 2000, nearly 98 percent of all respondents reported only one race (see Table 1). The largest group reported White alone, accounting for 75 percent of all people living in the United States. The Black or African American alone population represented 12 percent of the total. Just under 1 percent of all respondents indicated only American Indian and Alaska Native. Approximately 4 percent of all respondents indicated only Asian. The smallest race group was the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone population, representing 0.1 percent of the total population. The remainder of the "one race" respondents — 5.5 percent of all respondents — indicated only Some other race.[5]

[4] In this report, the term "reported" is used to refer to the response provided by respondents as well as responses assigned during the editing and imputation processes.

[5] The Some other race alone category consists predominantly (97.0 percent) of people of Hispanic origin, and is not a standard OMB race category.

Table 2.
Population of Two or More Races, Including All Combinations, for the United States: 2000

Race	Number	Percent of Two or more races population
Two or more races	**6,826,228**	**100.0**
Two races	**6,368,075**	**93.3**
White; Black or African American	784,764	11.5
White; American Indian and Alaska Native	1,082,683	15.9
White; Asian	868,395	12.7
White; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	112,964	1.7
White; Some other race	2,206,251	32.3
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native	182,494	2.7
Black or African American; Asian	106,782	1.6
Black or African American; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	29,876	0.4
Black or African American; Some other race	417,249	6.1
American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian	52,429	0.8
American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	7,328	0.1
American Indian and Alaska Native; Some other race	93,842	1.4
Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	138,802	2.0
Asian; Some other race	249,108	3.6
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	35,108	0.5
Three races	**410,285**	**6.0**
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native	112,207	1.6
White; Black or African American; Asian	21,166	0.3
White; Black or African American; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	2,938	-
White; Black or African American; Some other race	43,172	0.6
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian	23,766	0.3
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	4,843	0.1
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Some other race	29,095	0.4
White; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	89,611	1.3
White; Asian; Some other race	34,962	0.5
White; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	8,364	0.1
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian	5,798	0.1
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	998	-
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Some other race	7,023	0.1
Black or African American; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5,309	0.1
Black or African American; Asian; Some other race	8,069	0.1
Black or African American; Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander; Some other race	2,167	-
American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3,063	-
American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Some other race	2,544	-
American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	586	-
Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	4,604	0.1
Four races	**38,408**	**0.6**
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian	10,672	0.2
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	988	-
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Some other race	4,645	0.1
White; Black or African American; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	2,128	-
White; Black or African American; Asian; Some other race	1,376	-
White; Black or African American; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	325	-
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	6,450	0.1
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Some other race	1,099	-
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	309	-
White; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	7,932	0.1
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	750	-
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Some other race	334	-
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	111	-
Black or African American; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	1,082	-
American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	207	-

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2.
Population of Two or More Races, Including All Combinations, for the United States: 2000—Con.

Race	Number	Percent of Two or more races population
Five races	**8,637**	**0.1**
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	6,611	0.1
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Some other race	724	-
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	68	-
White; Black or African American; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	379	-
White; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	639	-
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	216	-
Six races	**823**	**-**
White; Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Some other race	823	-

- Percentage rounds to 0.0.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Table PL1.

Only 2.4 percent of all respondents reported two or more races.

The Two or more races category represents all respondents who reported more than one race. The six race categories of Census 2000 can be put together in 57 possible combinations of two, three, four, five, or six races (see Table 2). Less than 3 percent of the total population reported more than one race. Of the 6.8 million respondents who reported two or more races, 93 percent reported exactly two. The most common combination was "White ***and*** Some other race," representing 32 percent of the Two or more races population.[6] This was followed by "White ***and*** American Indian and Alaska Native," representing 16 percent, "White ***and*** Asian," representing 13 percent, and "White ***and*** Black or African American," representing 11 percent. Of all respondents reporting exactly two races, 47 percent included Some other race as one of the two. Of all respondents who reported more than one race, 7 percent indicated three or more. Most of these (90 percent) reported three races.

The Office of Management and Budget identified four combinations of two races for civil rights monitoring and enforcement.

In March 2000, the OMB established guidelines for the aggregation and allocation of race responses from Census 2000 for use in civil rights monitoring and enforcement. These guidelines included the five OMB race categories and identified four specific combinations of two races.[7] These four OMB race combinations, which were the largest combinations reported in recent research, are:

- "White ***and*** American Indian and Alaska Native"
- "White ***and*** Asian"
- "White ***and*** Black or African American"
- "Black or African American ***and*** American Indian and Alaska Native."

In fact, these four combinations are the largest categories, when combinations that include Some other race are excluded. Combined, these four combinations accounted for 43 percent of the population reporting Two or more races (see Figure 2) and 1 percent of the total population.

The maximum number of people reporting a particular race is reflected in the race alone or in combination category.

Respondents who reported only one race together with those who

[6] The Two or more races categories are denoted by quotations around the combinations with the conjunction ***and*** in bold and italicized print to indicate the separate race groups that comprise the particular combination.

[7] *Guidance on Aggregation and Allocation of Data on Race for Use in Civil Rights Monitoring and Enforcement*, Office of Management and Budget Bulletin Number 00-02, March 9, 2000. Also included in the guidelines was the inclusion of any multiple race combinations [excluding Some other race] that comprise more than 1 percent of the population of interest. For more information, see www.whitehouse.gov/omb/bulletins/b00-02.html.

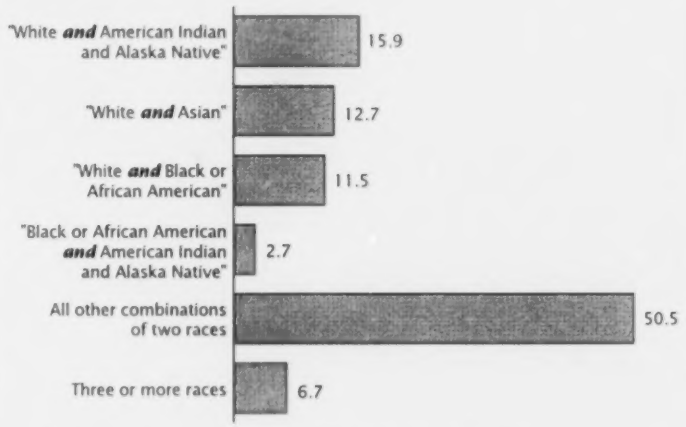
reported that same race plus one or more other races are combined to create the race *alone or in combination* categories. For example, the White *alone or in combination* group consists of those respondents who reported White alone plus those who reported White combined with one or more other race groups, such as "White ***and*** Black or African American," or "White ***and*** Asian ***and*** American Indian and Alaska Native." Another way to think of the group who reported White alone or in combination is as the total number of people who identified entirely or partially as White. This group is also described as people who reported White, whether or not they reported any other races.

Just as there are six race alone categories, there are six race alone or in combination categories:

- White *alone or in combination;*
- Black or African American *alone or in combination;*
- American Indian and Alaska Native *alone or in combination;*
- Asian *alone or in combination;*
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander *alone or in combination;* and
- Some other race *alone or in combination.*

The *alone or in combination* categories are tallies of *responses* rather than *respondents.* That is, the alone or in combination categories are not mutually exclusive. Individuals who reported two races were counted in two separate and distinct alone or in combination race categories, while those who reported three races were counted in three categories, and so on. For example, a respondent who indicated "White ***and*** Black or African American" was counted in the White alone or in combination category as well as in the Black or African American alone or in combination category. Consequently, the sum of all alone or in combination categories equals the number of races reported (i.e., responses), which exceeds the total population (see Table 3).

Figure 2.
Percent Distribution of Population of Two or More Races, Showing the Four Two-Race Combinations Identified by the Office of Management and Budget: 2000



Note: Population reporting two or more races was 2.4 percent of the total population.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Table PL1.

In Census 2000, the population indicating their race as White, either alone or with at least one other race, was the largest of all the alone or in combination categories and represented over three-fourths (77 percent) of the total population. The next two largest response categories were the Black or African American alone or in combination group, which represented 13 percent of the total population, and the Some other race alone or in combination category, which represented 7 percent of the population. The Asian alone or in combination group represented 4.2 percent. The American Indian and Alaska Native alone or in combination group represented 1.5 percent. The Native Hawaiian alone or in combination group was the smallest and represented 0.3 percent of the total population.

DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC RACE GROUPS IN CENSUS 2000

The next six sections discuss the results of Census 2000 for the White, Black or African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, and Some other race populations. Numbers and percentages are presented in three ways: (1) for the race alone category, (2) for the race in combination category, and (3) for the race alone or in combination category.

Table 3.
Responses to the Question on Race by the Alone or in Combination Categories for the United States: 2000

Race	Number of responses	Responses as percent of total population	Responses as percent of total responses
All race categories alone or in combination with one or more other races	288,764,438	102.6	100.0
White alone or in combination	216,930,975	77.1	75.1
Black or African American alone or in combination	36,419,434	12.9	12.6
American Indian and Alaska Native alone or in combination	4,119,301	1.5	1.4
Asian alone or in combination	11,898,828	4.2	4.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone or in combination	874,414	0.3	0.3
Some other race alone or in combination	18,521,486	6.6	6.4

Note: The total population is equal to the number of *respondents*. In Census 2000, there were 281,421,906 respondents. The total of all race categories alone or in combination with one or more other races is equal to the number of *responses*; therefore, it adds to more than the total population.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Table PL1.

Table 4.
White Population for the United States: 2000

Race	Number	Percent of total population
Total population	**281,421,906**	**100.0**
White alone	211,460,626	75.1
White in combination with one or more other races	5,470,349	1.9
White; American Indian and Alaska Native	1,082,683	0.4
White; Asian	868,395	0.3
White; Black or African American	784,764	0.3
White; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	112,964	-
All other combinations including White	2,621,543	0.9
White alone or in combination with one or more other races	216,930,975	77.1

- Percentage rounds to 0.0.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Table PL1.

With the exception of the section on the Some other race population, each of the following discussions is restricted to the five race categories defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Within the tables presented in these five sections, combinations of the OMB race categories with the Some other race category are not shown separately but are included in the "All other combinations" category. Because the Some other race category is not a standard OMB race, the data for the Some other race category, including combinations with the five standard OMB groups, are presented and discussed in a separate section.

The White Population

Table 4 shows the number and percentage of respondents to Census 2000 who reported only White, as well as those who reported White and at least one other race.

Approximately 211.5 million people, or 75 percent of the total population, reported only White. An additional 5.5 million people reported White and at least one other race. Within this group, the most common OMB combinations were "White ***and*** American Indian and Alaska Native" (20 percent of the population reporting White and one or more other races), followed by "White ***and*** Asian" (16 percent), and "White ***and*** Black or African American" (14 percent). Approximately 216.9 million people, or 77 percent of the population, reported White alone or in combination with one or more other races.

The Black or African American Population

Table 5 shows the number and percentage of respondents to Census 2000 who reported only Black or African American, as well as those who reported Black or African American and at least one other race.

Approximately 34.7 million people, or 12 percent of the total population, reported only Black or African American. An additional 1.8 million people reported Black or African American and at least one other race. Within this group, the most common OMB combinations were "Black or African American ***and*** White" (45 percent of the population reporting Black or African American and one or more other races), followed by "Black or African American ***and*** American Indian and Alaska Native" (10 percent), and "Black or African American ***and*** White ***and*** American Indian and Alaska Native" (6 percent). Approximately 36.4 million people, or 13 percent of the population, reported Black or African

American alone or in combination with one or more other races.

The American Indian and Alaska Native Population

Table 6 shows the number and percentage of respondents to Census 2000 who reported only American Indian and Alaska Native, as well as those who reported American Indian and Alaska Native and at least one other race.

Approximately 2.5 million people, or 0.9 percent of the total population, reported only American Indian and Alaska Native. An additional 1.6 million people reported American Indian and Alaska Native and at least one other race. Within this group, the most common OMB combinations were "American Indian and Alaska Native ***and*** White" (66 percent of the population reporting American Indian and Alaska Native and one or more other races), followed by "American Indian and Alaska Native ***and*** Black or African American" (11 percent), and "American Indian and Alaska Native ***and*** White ***and*** Black or African American" (7 percent). Approximately 4.1 million people, or 1.5 percent of the population, reported American Indian and Alaska Native alone or in combination with one or more other races.[8]

The Asian Population

Table 7 shows the number and percentage of respondents to Census 2000 who reported only Asian, as well as those who reported Asian and at least one other race.

Approximately 10.2 million people, or 3.6 percent of the total population, reported only Asian. An additional 1.7 million people reported Asian and at least one other race. Within this group, the most common OMB combinations were "Asian ***and*** White" (52 percent of the population reporting Asian and one or more other races), followed by "Asian ***and*** Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander" (8 percent), and "Asian ***and*** Black or African American" (6 percent). Approximately 11.9 million people, or 4.2 percent of the population, reported Asian alone or in combination with one or more other races.[9]

Table 5.
Black or African American Population for the United States: 2000

Race	Number	Percent of total population
Total population	**281,421,906**	**100.0**
Black or African American alone	34,658,190	12.3
Black or African American in combination with one or more other races	1,761,244	0.6
Black or African American; White	784,764	0.3
Black or African American; American Indian and Alaska Native	182,494	0.1
Black or African American; White; American Indian and Alaska Native	112,207	-
Black or African American; Asian	106,782	-
All other combinations including Black or African American	574,997	0.2
Black or African American alone or in combination with one or more other races	36,419,434	12.9

- Percentage rounds to 0.0.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Table PL1.

Table 6.
American Indian and Alaska Native Population for the United States: 2000

Race	Number	Percent of total population
Total population	**281,421,906**	**100.0**
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	2,475,956	0.9
American Indian and Alaska Native in combination with one or more other races	1,643,345	0.6
American Indian and Alaska Native; White	1,082,683	0.4
American Indian and Alaska Native; Black or African American	182,494	0.1
American Indian and Alaska Native; White; Black or African American	112,207	-
American Indian and Alaska Native; Asian	52,429	-
All other combinations including American Indian and Alaska Native	213,532	0.1
American Indian and Alaska Native alone or in combination with one or more other races	4,119,301	1.5

- Percentage rounds to 0.0.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Table PL1.

[8] The size of the American Indian and Alaska Native population – alone or in combination – is just one dimension of this population covered by Census 2000. The wide diversity of the specific American Indian and Alaska Native populations delineated by Census 2000 will be discussed in a future report.

[9] The size of the Asian population — alone or in combination — is just one dimension of this population covered by Census 2000. The wide diversity of the specific Asian populations delineated by Census 2000 will be discussed in a future report.

Table 7.
Asian Population for the United States: 2000

Race	Number	Percent of total population
Total population	**281,421,906**	**100.0**
Asian alone	10,242,998	3.6
Asian in combination with one or more other races	1,655,830	0.6
Asian; White	868,395	0.3
Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	138,802	-
Asian; Black or African American	106,782	-
Asian; Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; White	89,611	-
All other combinations including Asian	452,240	0.2
Asian alone or in combination with one or more other races	11,898,828	4.2

- Percentage rounds to 0.0.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Table PL1.

Table 8.
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Population for the United States: 2000

Race	Number	Percent of total population
Total population	**281,421,906**	**100.0**
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	398,835	0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander in combination with one or more other races	475,579	0.2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Asian	138,802	-
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; White	112,964	-
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Asian; White	89,611	-
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; Black or African American	29,876	-
All other combinations including Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	104,326	-
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone or in combination with one or more other races	874,414	0.3

- Percentage rounds to 0.0.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Table PL1.

Table 9.
Some Other Race Population for the United States: 2000

Race	Number	Percent of total population
Total population	**281,421,906**	**100.0**
Some other race alone	15,359,073	5.5
Some other race in combination with one or more other races	3,162,413	1.1
Some other race; White	2,206,251	0.8
Some other race; Black or African American	417,249	0.1
Some other race; Asian	249,108	0.1
Some other race; American Indian and Alaska Native	93,842	-
All other combinations including Some other race	195,963	0.1
Some other race alone or in combination with one or more other races	18,521,486	6.6

- Percentage rounds to 0.0.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Table PL1.

The Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Population

Table 8 shows the number and percentage of respondents to Census 2000 who reported only Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, as well as those who reported Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander and at least one other race.

Approximately 399,000 people, or 0.1 percent of the total population, reported only Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. An additional 476,000 people reported Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander and at least one other race.[10] Within this group, the most common combinations were "Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander ***and*** Asian" (29 percent of the population reporting Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander and one or more other races), followed by "Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander ***and*** White" (24 percent), and "Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander ***and*** Asian ***and*** White" (19 percent). Approximately 874,000 people, or 0.3 percent of the population, reported Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone or in combination with one or more other races.

The Some Other Race Population

Table 9 shows the number and percentage of respondents to Census 2000 who reported only Some other race, as well as those who reported Some other race and at least one other race.

[10] The size of the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander population — alone or in combination — is just one dimension of this population covered by Census 2000. The wide diversity of the specific Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander populations delineated by Census 2000 will be discussed in a future report.

Table 10.
Hispanic and Not Hispanic Population by Race for the United States: 2000

Race	Hispanic or Latino			Not Hispanic or Latino		
	Number	Percent of Hispanic population	Percent of total population	Number	Percent of non-Hispanic population	Percent of total population
Total	**35,305,818**	**100.0**	12.5	**246,116,088**	**100.0**	87.5
One race	33,081,736	93.7	11.8	241,513,942	98.1	85.8
White	16,907,852	47.9	6.0	194,552,774	79.1	69.1
Black or African American	710,353	2.0	0.3	33,947,837	13.8	12.1
American Indian and Alaska Native	407,073	1.2	0.1	2,068,883	0.8	0.7
Asian	119,829	0.3	-	10,123,169	4.1	3.6
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	45,326	0.1	-	353,509	0.1	0.1
Some other race	14,891,303	42.2	5.3	467,770	0.2	0.2
Two or more races	2,224,082	6.3	0.8	4,602,146	1.9	1.6

- Percentage rounds to 0.0.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Tables PL1 and PL2.

Table 11.
Some Other Race Population by Hispanic Origin for the United States: 2000

Hispanic or Latino	Some other race alone		Some other race in combination with one or more other races		Some other race alone or in combination with one or more other races	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	**15,359,073**	**100.0**	**3,162,413**	**100.0**	**18,521,486**	**100.00**
Hispanic or Latino	14,891,303	97.0	1,859,538	58.8	16,750,841	90.4
Not Hispanic or Latino	467,770	3.0	1,302,875	41.2	1,770,645	9.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Tables PL1 and PL2.

Approximately 15.4 million people, or about 5 percent of the total population, reported only Some other race. An additional 3.2 million people reported Some other race and at least one other race. Within this group, the most common combinations were "Some other race ***and*** White" (70 percent of the population reporting Some other race and one or more other races), followed by "Some other race ***and*** Black or African American" (13 percent), and "Some other race ***and*** Asian" (8 percent). Approximately 18.5 million people, or 7 percent of the total population, reported Some other race alone or in combination with one or more other races.

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Nine out of ten Hispanics reported White alone or Some other race alone.

Nearly half (48 percent) of Hispanics reported only White, while approximately 42 percent reported only Some other race, when responding to the question on race (see Table 10). Less than 4 percent of Latinos reported Black or African American alone, American Indian and Alaska Native alone, Asian alone, or Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone. In contrast, 79 percent of the non-Hispanic population reported only White and 0.2 percent reported only Some other race.

About 19 percent of all non-Hispanics reported only one of the remaining race categories. Of all race and Hispanic origin combinations, the group reporting as only White and non-Hispanic was the largest, representing 69 percent of the total population.

Approximately 6 percent of all Hispanics reported two or more races, compared with just under 2 percent of non-Hispanics. Among the 2.2 million Latinos who reported more than one race, 1.8 million (81 percent) reported only two races, one of which was Some other race. Of the 6.8 million respondents reporting two or more races, nearly one-third (2.2 million or 33 percent) were Hispanic.

The overwhelming majority (97 percent) of the 15.4 million people who reported Some other race alone were Latino, while the remaining 3 percent were not Hispanic (see Table 11). However, of all combinations of two or more races that included Some other race, only 59 percent were Hispanic. A large majority (90 percent) of the Some other race alone or in combination population was also Hispanic.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on race in the United States, visit the U.S. Census Bureau's Internet site at *www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/race.html*. For more information on Hispanic origin, visit *www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/hispanic.html*.

Race and Hispanic origin data from the Census 2000 Redistricting (Public Law 94-171) Summary File are being released on a state-by-state basis during March 2001. The Census 2000 Redistricting data are available on the Internet via *factfinder.census.gov* and for purchase on CD-ROM and eventually on DVD. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, also see *factfinder.census.gov*.

For more information on specific race and Hispanic origin groups in the United States, go to *www.census.gov* and click on *Minority Links*. This Web page includes information about Census 2000 and provides links to reports based on past censuses and surveys focusing on the social and economic characteristics of the Black or African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and Hispanic origin populations.

Information on other population and housing topics will be presented in the Census 2000 Brief series, located on the U.S. Census Bureau's Web site at *www.census.gov/population/www/cen2000/briefs.html*. This series will present information about race, Hispanic origin, age, sex, household type, housing tenure, and other social, economic, and housing characteristics.

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